

# In-Fur-Nation

## Your Guide to the World of Furry Fandom

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[Filmmaker:] "Do you have any other talents?" [Cody Maverick, surfing penguin:] "What, you mean like singing and dancing? No, I just surf." [from Sony Imageworks' film *Surf's Up*]

It's another summer of (mostly) sequels at the box office. Funny thing is, so far the response at the box office has been underwhelming enough (by Hollywood standards) that it has some folks thinking that moviegoers might actually want something new! So: Hey, Hollywood! Here's some cool furry items coming your way soon...

### The News

Well, maybe not... In spite of very good reviews (starting at 70% positive on Rotten Tomatoes, and only going up from there), Sony Imageworks' surfing penguin film *Surf's Up* didn't hit very hard with movie-goers. Is it penguin movie burn-out? Who knows? The film opened halfway between the releases of *Shrek the Third* and *Ratatouille*, but that didn't seem to help it find its own market niche. We'll see how it does later this year when it hits DVD.

Speaking of *Ratatouille*, Disney/Pixar's latest CGI release was number one at the box office over its opening weekend, only to be buried (as most expected, actually) by the premier of *Transformers* less than a week later. The "rat who dreams of becoming a chef" movie from director **Brad Bird** (*Iron Giant*, *Incredibles*) remains one of the best-reviewed movies of 2007, however. Most folks are expecting it to have good legs, and likely to do well overseas also – especially in France!

And now for something completely different: Killer sheep! Making its way through film festivals and smaller theaters lately is *Black Sheep*, a new horror/comedy from director **Jonathan King** out of (where else?) New Zealand. "Get Ready for the Violence of the Lambs!" the ads scream. Well, it seems that a rogue agri-scientist has created a new

breed of aggressive (read: blood-thirsty) sheep, just in time for the ever-convenient animal rights activists to release them on an unsuspecting world. What's more, not only are the man-eating sheep out for blood (and guts), but surviving a bite from one of them only means you'll start to mutate into a ravaging sheep-human-thing! Weta Digital (they who gave us *The Lord of the Rings*) created the special effects for the movie. Baaa...

Here is Disney Pictures' description of their new film *Underdog*, based (very loosely!) on the classic animated TV series: After an accident in the mysterious lab of maniacal scientist Dr. Simon Barsinister (**Peter Dinklage**), an ordinary beagle unexpectedly finds himself with unimaginable powers and the ability to speak. Armed with a fetching superhero costume, Underdog (voiced by comedian **Jason Lee**) vows to protect the beleaguered citizens of Capitol City and, in particular, one beautiful spaniel named Polly Purebread (voiced by Academy Award® nominee **Amy Adams**). When a sinister plot by Barsinister and his overgrown henchman Cad (**Patrick Warburton**) threatens to destroy Capitol City, only Underdog can save the day." Got all that? The teaser trailer is in theaters now, or you can go to [www.disney.com/underdog](http://www.disney.com/underdog) to find out more. The film itself comes to the rescue on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Guess who's on their way back to the big screen? Would you believe the Care Bears? In the new CGI film *The Care Bears: Oopsy Does It*, the magical rainbow-ursines meet two new friends (Oopsy-Bear and Amigo-Bear) as well as a new threat: An evil bear named Grizzle, who's determined to steal their magic powers for himself. This is the first film in the Care Bear series animated by SD Entertainment instead of Nelvana. It comes to theaters on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Interesting fact: The Internet Movie Database site ([www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com)) now has "anthropomorphic" as a searchable plot keyword.

Trailers have begun to appear in theaters for the brand new film adaptation of *The Golden Compass*, the first novel in the acclaimed *His Dark Materials* fantasy series by **Philip Pullman**. The story follows a young girl in an alternate dimension – where, among other things, a person's soul is personified by a shape-shifting, talking animal companion – who discovers that the all-powerful church that rules the world has been keeping secrets from the people, including secrets about the existence of alternate universes. Entrusted with a magical device by her uncle, young Lyra travels to the far north, where she enlists the aid of armored, talking polar bears in her quest. The film stars **Nicole Kidman**, **Daniel Craig**, **Kevin Bacon**, **John Hurt**, **Sam Elliot**, and newcomer **Dakota Blue Richards** as Lyra. The film comes to theaters this December 7<sup>th</sup>.

## Videos and DVDs

Celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Pokemon*'s release in North America, Viz Media has released the *Pokemon 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Slim Pack* DVD set. It collects 10 DVDs commemorating the top *Pokemon* characters as selected by the fans; each disc featuring three episodes that showcase that particular *pokemon*.

New on DVD is season one of *Legend of the Dragon* from BKN. As young Ang strives to become the martial arts master known as the Golden Dragon, his jealous sister Ling hooks up with the evil Zodiac Master, bound and determined to destroy the temples the Golden Dragon is sworn to defend. An epic war erupts between the armies of the two sides. Interestingly, just as in the video game, each of the heroes and villains in the game is able to morph into their animal spirit form in the heat of battle.

More turtles for your TV: The new (and successful) CGI *TMNT* feature film (from earlier this year) comes to DVD from Warner Home Video this August. Also in August from Warner, look for the *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 3-Pack* DVD set, featuring the three successful live-action films from 1990, 1991, and 1993.

Coming in September: Paramount Home Video (why them, one has to wonder... - ye ed-otter) releases the *Darkwing Duck* Volumes 1 and 2 DVD box sets, featuring the Terror That Flaps in the Night himself. That same month, Buena Vista Home Entertainment will release *The Muppet Show Season Two* 4-disc DVD set, featuring 24 episodes of the show voted by furry fans as the greatest furry TV series of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

## Comics

Old friends return in new and unexpected places! A new 4-part comic mini-series from Marvel features the odd name of *Annihilation: Conquest - Star Lord*. The story follows a human named Peter Quill - formerly the space hero known as Star Lord - who was left for dead following a battle in space. He assembles a rag-tag team of outer space misfits and adventurers to take on his alien adversaries... and who should be among them but Marvel's old furry hero, Rocket Raccoon! The full-color adventure is brought to you by writer **Keith Giffen** and artist **Timothy Green II**.



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Digital Webbing is a new comic book publisher offering some interesting titles, including a few furry ones. *Abigail & Rox in the Land of Enchantment* is a new full-color series by **Joshua Gamon** and **Adrian Sibir**. When young Abigail and her teddy bear Rox are spirited away to the Land of Enchantment (where Rox finds that he can walk and talk), they discover that Wonderland is in chaos. Sleepy Hollow is overrun by giants, the Emerald City is ruled by a madman... in other words, it's time to do some rescuing! Then, there's *The Enigmas*, a new full-color comic by **Lee, Maloney, and Olsen**. A quartet of "mythical" creatures - Bigfoot, the Abominable Snow Man, the Loch Ness Monster, and an alien castaway from Roswell - team up to battle the mysterious Illuminati.

It's summertime, and that means it's time for a new edition of *Hit the Beach* from Radio Comix. This year, the favorite collection of seaside furry pin-ups features new black & white art and comic strips by **Joe Rosales**, **Megan Giles**, **Trump**, **Ursula Husted**, **Christina Hanson**, **DAQ**, **Eddie Perkins**, **Shon Howell**, **Brian Sutton**, **Yamaneko-Ya**, and many more.

It was probably only a matter of time before the current "Pirates vs. Ninjas" craze reached into the realm of furry animals. The second issue of *Pirates vs. Ninjas II: Up the Ante* features - wait for it - parrot vs. monkey! Yes, seafaring and oriental animal sidekicks meet up for a battle royale in Venice during the Napoleonic wars. It's brought to you (in full color) by **Perry**, **Hartman**, **Bevard**, and **Babiar**; and published by Antarctic Press.

A different take on werewolves, that's for sure: *Thirteen Steps* is a new black & white monthly comic from Desperado Publishing. It seems that Justin, a semi-pro baseball player, has a problem: He's become a werewolf, and it has him distraught. What's a guilty werewolf to do? Why, join up with a twelve-step self-help program for monsters, of course! At least that's what creators **Phil Hester**, **Chuck Satterlee**, and **Kevin Mellon** would have us believe. Also from Desperado, look for the *Atomik Mike Volume 1* trade paperback, collecting the first four issues of the full-color comic series from **Nilson**, **Cruz**, **DeGano**, and **Bonilla**. In case you haven't heard: It's about a space-faring adventurer who finds himself transformed into a monkey!

This fall, once again it's time for mice to don swords and armor in defense of their kingdom! *The Mice Templar* is a new full-color comic series from Image, brought to you by **Brian Glass** and **Michael Avon Oeming**. For a young mouse named Karic, the Mice Templar were simply an exciting legend. But they were real, once: Heroic, but scattered to the four winds by tragic civil war. When his family is enslaved by cruel rat overlords, Karic realizes their only hope is for him to become one of the legendary Templars himself.

You furs who enjoy the darker side of comics might want to check out *The Unfunnies* by **Mark Millar** and **Anthony Williams**, published by Avatar Press. Billed as "horror comedy", this strange full-color comic looks at the dark and tragic state of the human soul, but does so in the style of your favorite Saturday morning TV shows and newspaper comic strips.

The many alien species of the *Star Trek* universe finally get their time in the spotlight – literally! *Star Trek: Alien Spotlight* is a new full-color series of one-shot comics from IDW Publishing. Each issue will feature a particular alien, and the premier (coming this September) features none other than the reptilian Gorn! The series was written by **Scott and David Tipton**, with artwork by **David Messina** and covers by **Zach Howard**.

### Books and Trade Paperbacks

Now here's something different... From sheep who murder to sheep who *solve* murders! That's the idea behind *Three Bags Full*, the premier novel of German author **Leonie Swann**. In the sleepy little Irish village of Glenkill, shepherd George Glenn is found dead with a spade in his chest – found, that is, by his loyal herd of sheep, who adored him for how he respected them. Miss Maple (the smartest of the sheep) vows to discover the identity of George's killer. She pretends to graze while she's actually listening to various local villagers discuss the crime – listening for clues. Trouble is, once they figure out who the killer is, how are a herd of sheep going to tell the police? Find out in this new hardcover book from Flying Dolphin Press.

When **Steve Gerber** (creator of *Howard the Duck*) hooked up with **Jack Kirby** (you need to ask??), the result was *Destroyer Duck*, the story of a well-armed mallard fighting for the little guy by taking on the all-mighty GodCorp. Twenty-five years later in the "real world", About Comics has re-released *Destroyer Duck* in a collected trade paperback. This black & white collection is 120 pages long, and features a new introduction by **Steve Gerber**. While you're at it, remember to look for the re-release of Gerber's graphic novel *Stewart the Rat* (also from About Comics), with artwork by **Gene Colan** and **Tom Palmer**.

People find inspiration in many odd places. Well, how about a squid... who's inspired by pirates?? **Lenore** creator **Roman Dirge** has teamed up with the artist **Steven Daily** to bring us *Peter the Pirate Squid* (from Slave Labor Graphics). In this new black & white "children's book" we meet Peter, a squid who, after years of having buccaneers sailing overhead, decides that indeed it's a pirate's life for him! So he recruits a rag-tag band of oysters, crabs, seahorses and other denizens of the deep to crew the ship "Barnacle Booty" and try to rule over their one-seventh of the seas! The trouble is, of course, they're all very small...

History in the re-making... It seems that Paul Revere, famous revolutionary and skilled silversmith, didn't just have to worry about the British coming: He also had to deal with a plague of werewolves haunting colonial New England! Oh well, it's a good time to be a silversmith, eh? That's the premise of *Revere*, a 4-issue limited series written by **Ed Lavallee** and illustrated in full color by **Grant Bond**. Now it's being re-released as a 128-page trade paperback by Archia Studio Press.

Presenting the world's favorite wombat cowboy! Yes, you read that right. *The Adventures of Dexter Breakfast: Season One* is a full-color trade paperback (published by El MacFearsome Comic Squares (!)) collecting the first six issues all the all-ages comic series by **Vernon Smith**. Watch as Dexter the wombat arrives in a new town, gets involved in a shootout, meets a talking dog, and begins his rise to power as a local sheriff...

Fans of the Ursa Major Award-winning Capcom game *Okami* might want to seek out *Okami: The Official Complete Works* trade paperback, now translated into English for the first time by Udon Entertainment. This 288-page book contains full-color concept sketches, character design drawings, location designs, and production notes from the games' creators. And speaking of books from games... Look for *Kingdom Hearts Junior Novel #1: The First Door* from Disney Press. Writer **Tomoko Kanemaki** and illustrator **Shiro Amano** bring us the story of young Sora and his friends, who find themselves trapped in the magical kingdom of Disney – entrusted with rescuing King Mickey and his people from the clutches of a host of famous Disney villains! For fans who want to delve deeper into the story, this September Tokyo Pop will release the *Kingdom Hearts: Chain of Memories Box Set*, collecting issues 1 – 4 of the hugely successful manga digest series.

Classic funny animals return! DC Comics presents the *Captain Carrot Volume 1* trade paperback, collecting issues 1-20 of the original full-color *Captain Carrot* and the *Amazing Zoo Crew* comic, as well as a special guest appearance in *Teen Titans*. This well-known funny animal title (it really deserves that) was created by **Scott Shaw**. Stories were written by **Roy Thomas**, **E. Nelson Bridwell**, and others, with art by **Shaw** and a host of well-known DC comic talent.

A new full-color graphic novel from Image Comics: *PXI Book 1: A Girl and her Panda* (by **Manny Trembley** and **Eric A. Anderson**) tells the story of a young girl named Dahlia who – with the help of her giant and trusty Panda sidekick – sets off on an epic journey around the globe to save her missing father from Pollo – an evil goat mastermind bent on taking over the world. Look for it starting August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Gemstone Publishing Presents a *Duck Tales* trade paperback in full color: *Scrooge's Quest* by **Marv Wolfman**. When Magica DeSpell kidnaps young Webby, Scrooge McDuck and his companions race around the world to rescue her – only to have McDuck's fortune stolen by his arch enemy, Flintheard Glomgold! The full-color artwork is by **Quartieri**, **Bat**, and **Valenti**. Then in September, **Don Rosa** brings us *The Life and Times of Scrooge McDuck Companion*, a follow-up to his earlier book *The Life and Times of Scrooge McDuck*. The new book takes an even deeper look into Scrooge's past.

Educational furries and their friends... *Dinosaurs Across America* is a new full-color hardcover graphic novel by **Phil Yeh**, published by NBM. Yeh's famous Patrick Rabbit and his friends, the dinosaurs, travel about the U.S.A. in their flying car. On the journey they (and their readers) learn fun facts about each of the 50 states.

They drive a souped-up Mousarati. They deal in hard cheese. They fight crime. They are the *Miami Mice*. In the 1980's, **Mark Bode** created *Miami Mice* as a black & white comic spoof of the (very) popular *Miami Vice* TV series. Now Wildcard Ink has released the original 4-issue mini-series as a collected trade paperback. It includes 10 pages of new material spoofing the recent *Miami Vice* movie!

*Squirrelly Gray* is a new black & white children's book by **James Kochalka** (creator of *Peanut Butter and Jeremy*), published by Random House. This from the publisher:

"Mixing playful verse with comics-inspired illustration, **James Kochalka** has created a unique picture book and an imaginative fable that will have kids rooting for the always adorable, sometimes courageous Squirrely Gray."

Author and artist **James Gurney** returns with the fourth illustrated book in the *Dinotopia* series, *Dinotopia: Journey to Chandara*. Here's how the publisher, Andrews McMeel, describes the hardcover book: "In the spirit of Marco Polo and *Gulliver's Travels*, *Dinotopia: Journey to Chandara* recounts the journal entries and adventures of explorer Arthur Denison and dinosaur **Grix** as they explore the exotic eastern realm of **James Gurney's Dinotopia**."

In the same vein as the comic *First in Space* [see last issue - ye ed-otter] is *Laika*, the story of the first living thing ever sent into space: A dog named Laika. But the story also focuses on the lives of the humans that Laika touched as they readied her for her historic journey on board Sputnik II. This soft-cover graphic novel was written and illustrated by **Nick Abadzis**. It comes to us this September from First Second.

This September, Studio Ghibli (and Viz Media) will release a new full-color graphic novel based on the popular anime feature *The Cat Returns*. Adapted here by **Hiroyuki Morita** and **Aoi Huiragi**, the story tells what happens when a young girl named Haru saves the life of a cat - who just happens to be the prince of all cats! What's Haru to do when the King of Cats offers her his son's hand in marriage?

More books for young readers, recently stumbled across: *Captain Raptor* and the *Moon Mystery* is the eye-catching title of a new book by **Kevin O'Malley**, with illustrations by **Patrick O'Brien** (published by Walker Books). "The planet Jurassica is in an uproar. An unidentified flying object has crashed into the mysterious moon of Eon. This looks like a job for ... Captain Raptor! Hero of a thousand space missions; champion of truth, justice, and dinosaurs in space throughout the galaxy! If anyone can solve the terrible moon mystery, it's Captain Raptor and the fearless crew of the Megatooth!" Okay! **Kevin O'Malley** is also the author and illustrator of *Herbert Field-Mouse, Secret Agent*, published by Mondo Publishing.

If that's not enough for you, look for *The Shy Creatures*, written and illustrated by **David Mack** (published by Feiwel & Friends, this August). It seems that dragons, werewolves, and other legendary creatures really do exist - they're just too shy to show their faces in public. Being shy herself, a young girl is bound and determined to grow up and become a doctor - one whose specialty is caring for these misunderstood monsters.

For the Yogi Bear fan in your life: This September, look for *The Hanna Barbera Treasury* in hardcover, edited by animation historian **Jerry Beck** (published by Insight Editions). It features over 200 full-color illustrations, highlighting rare drawings, storyboards, concept art, and memorabilia from the studio that brought us shows like *Scooby Doo*, *Huckleberry Hound*, *The Flintstones*, *Tom & Jerry*, *Top Cat*, and many many more.

"Food is fuel. You get picky about what you put in the tank, your engine is gonna die. Now shut up and eat your garbage." [Django, father rat, in Disney/Pixars' *Ratatouille*]

**Furry Stuff has ConFurence Stuff!** The original ConFurence General Store (for ConFurrences 0 - 10) has moved to the new Furry Stuff web portal. Check them out at [www.furzystuff.com](http://www.furzystuff.com) to find out more - soon, pictures of what's available will be up on-line. Three of the popular ConFurence T-Shirt designs are still available for a limited time: "Furries in Force" (black on honey-color) by **Eric Schwartz** from CF7, "Furries in Love" (black and pink on grey) by **Rachael Cawley** from CF9, and "Sydney's World" (Sydney on a colored globe on green) by **Ken Sample** from CF10. Plus, a very few of **Michael Beiro's** colorful "Furries in Space" T-shirts remain (write for sizes available). They also still offer the *ConFurence Seven Highlights Video*, as well as the *ConFurence Eight - Music and Mirth* and *ConFurence Nine - Furries in Love* highlights videos, and the special combination video from CF5 (*Furries in Space*) and CF6 (*Magic and Transformation*). Not to mention many cool prints and extra Souvenir Books from past ConFurrences! To find a complete list, visit the Furry Stuff web site, or send them an SASE at: Furry Stuff, P.O. Box 1958, Garden Grove, CA 92842-1958.

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**A Note to the staff members of our many Furry Conventions:** Hey! We wanna help you get the word out! Having a cool-looking web site is a neat thing, but remember: There are still a significant number of fans out there (furry and otherwise) who don't use the World Wide Web, or who don't use it to it's full potential. For them, there's this cool old thing folks on the Internet call *Snail Mail*. That's where we come in! Send us information, and let us help you get the word out to over 1,000 furry fans, artists, dealers, and publishers in the U.S., Canada, Europe, Japan... Look below for our reasonable ad rates, and don't forget... send us text blurbs and you get in for free!

**A Request to Our Readers:** Hey, got a favorite comic store or bookshop that carries your favorite furry titles, or that you wish would carry more? Give us their address! We'll send them a copy of *In-Fur-Nation* each quarter, and keep them abreast of the kind of comics and media that you would like to see on their shelves! Remember, they can't order it if they don't know it's out there! *As an alternate:* Know of any good comic zines or web sites that might be looking to trade issues?

**Guess what? In-Fur-Nation is looking for Field Reporters!** As an on-going feature, we're going to present profiles of furry creators and furry-oriented companies that are helping to promote products and media of interest to funny animal fans all over. So, like to help out? Know a comic

book creator, animator, publisher, or other such person in the field who'd like to discuss what furies mean to them, or to the world? Talk to them, write down what they say... then give us a write-up, about 300-500 words, and we'll include it as a blurb in an upcoming INF, and give you credit for it. [We do maintain the right to edit for clarity and length, mind you.] And hey, we're looking for **furry convention reviews and anecdotes** too! Send hard copies to the Furry Stuff address above, or, you can e-mail your submission to [Rod O'Riley at rds064@hotmail.com](mailto:Rod.O'Riley@rds064@hotmail.com).

**Advertising in In-Fur-Nation:** For those who've been asking, ads in In-Fur-Nation come in these sizes: 1/8-page "business card" size for **\$5.00** per issue, and 1/4-page size (4 1/2" tall by 3 1/4" wide) for **\$10.00** per issue. Full-page inclusions can also be arranged for **\$50.00** an issue. Check should be made out to Furry Stuff. Send camera-ready art and text to P.O. Box 1958, Garden Grove, CA 92642-1958, or send email to [rds064@hotmail.com](mailto:rds064@hotmail.com).

(Many thanks to all the people who helped provide information for this issue both by mail and via Internet! Invaluable help was also received from the web masters of the various furry conventions out there.)

And here's a look at Coming Attractions...

#### **Furry (and sorta-furry) Conventions coming your way soon!**

Florida furs (and others in the area) might want to check out **Elliot's Live Events**. His Majesty, King Elliott Ingonyama the First, regularly (as in four times a year) hosts furry events that include provided food, fursuit activities, games, and lots of sketching. To find out more about the next event, visit <http://ele.furryhost.com>.

#### **Furthest North 2007 - Summer**

Furthest North is Canada's premiere rustic camping event based on the belief that not everyone wants plush beds and room service when they camp. Furthest North Summer 2007 gets back to these roots with a "back to basics" approach. No, we're not using pine cones instead of toilet paper, and meals are still provided, but the focus is on getting back to what Furthest North was founded on: fun, relaxation, and making new friends. Relax, attend a workshop, or do absolutely nothing at all; Furthest North is really what you make it.

Furthest North Summer 2007 runs from August 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007. It's hosted at the Wild Horse Campground, which is 75 km southwest of Sundre, Alberta, Canada in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. The membership cost is **\$50.00 (CAD)** per person to attend. This cost includes your meals and the cost of booking the site. Cash (in person), money order, and PayPal are all accepted forms of payment. Registration is currently open until July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007. After this date, there will be a **\$15.00** late penalty on all registrations. If you are interested in attending Furthest North, or if you would simply like more information, please e-mail [boarral@boarral.com](mailto:boarral@boarral.com), or visit their web site at <http://fn.boarral.com>.

#### **FA United**

FA United is a brand new convention for furry fandom sponsored by the well-known and popular art-sharing web site known as Fur Affinity. The first convention will take place August 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> in Newark, New Jersey. The Guests of Honor for the first convention include **Roxikat** and the "collective" artist known as **Blotch**.

*Ok, how about great panels?* We've got everything from learning how to draw, to making your second life better than your first one. Fursuit creation, martial arts and furry, even your chance to talk about Fur Affinity with the people that make Fur Affinity happen! Check out all the details on our Panels page! *Don't forget the entertainment!* DIs all night Friday. We've scoured the country looking for some of the best DIs in the country to rock your world... and look for sets from MiB, Ol Tails and DJ Dragonboy! Saturday, it's all about live music. Featuring sets from "Zsa Zsa Gabortion and the Back Ally McBeals," and "The Gay Blades." Look for more music announcements soon. Saturday night rocks at FA: United! Also, be on the look out for improv, game shows and even a masquerade!

FA United 2007 will be held at the Ramada Newark International Airport hotel (a Wyndham Worldwide Partner Hotel) in Newark, New Jersey. The hotel has some excellent space for us, and is easy to get to by car, bus, train, or plane, including easy access to and from New York City. The address is: Ramada Newark Airport, 550 Route 1 South, Newark, NJ 07114. Call (973)-824-4000 for reservations. The Ramada has been generous enough to offer us room rates of **\$79.00** per night (single or double occupancy - more for triple or quad). Parking is free, as is wireless internet access.

Mail-in registration for FA United has closed, but memberships can be purchased at the door for **\$35.00**. Sponsor and "Founding Member" levels of membership are also available. To find out more about FA United, visit their web site at <http://faunited.org>, or write to them care of: Northeast Anthropomorphic Association, 4 Summershade Circle, Piscataway, NJ 08854.

#### **RainFurrest**

RainFurrest is the newest anthropomorphic con in the Pacific Northwest and will take place from August 24<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Holiday Inn, SeaTac, Washington. With the support of the local furry and sci-fi communities, RainFurrest will be the most fun and exciting furry convention in the region. So hop in a plane, train, bus, or car and be a part of the fun! Guest of Honor for the first RainFurrest include Artist Guest **Monika Livingstone**, Fan Guest **Stalking Cat**, Writer Guest **Phil Geusz** (*The Blind Pig*), and Musical Guest **Alexander James Adams** (of Uffington Horse).

The Holiday Inn SeaTac International Airport is located at 17338 International Boulevard, Seattle, WA 98188. The room rates for RainFurrest are **\$99.00** per night, and you can reserve them by calling (206) 248-1000.

Registration for the inaugural RainFurrest event is **\$35.00** through the end of July, and **\$40.00** at the door. For information on Sponsor memberships or purchasing Dealer tables, visit their web site at [www.rainfurrest.net](http://www.rainfurrest.net). Or, write to them care of: RainFurrest, 117 East Louisa St, Unit #137, Seattle, WA, 98102.

## Camp Feral!

Camp Feral! is the premiere furry summer escape; a five-day, four-night event in the Canadian wilderness with activities, workshops and events by furies, for furies. Go swimming, kayaking or windsurfing! Try the climbing wall, go for a hike, or take a chance at archery! Learn how to draw or write from some of the most talented minds in the furry community, or spend a couple of hours to make your own ears or tail! Or, just relax by a tree and read a book in the fresh Algonquin Park air! Feral! X is a very special event for us: a celebration of a full decade of furry fun and fellowship in the unique way that only Feral brings. For this year, we have a wide variety of special guests. We are proud to announce: **Ferris** will be our Guest of Honor, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank him for the artistic contributions he has made in the past, especially since this will be his first Feral as a guest! We also would like to announce that we have a number of Special Guests, who are also attending: **Foxfire**, **Gideon**, and **Max Blackrabbitt** will all be at Feral this year, and we thank them for choosing to come to our camp.

Feral! X will take place from Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, once again at Camp Arowhon, Algonquin Park, Ontario, Canada. The regular registration price for 2007 is CAD \$325.00. Regular registrants get all the activities of Feral, room and board and a registration package, which includes the con book. For more information about Registration, including their automated cabin selection system, visit their web site ([www.campferal.org](http://www.campferal.org)) or write to them at: Camp Feral! c/o L. Raymond, T1H80-90 Eastdale Ave., East York, Ontario, M4C 5A2, Canada.

## Mephit Fur Meet

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Mephit Fur Meet returns to Memphis, Tennessee from August 31<sup>st</sup> through September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007. This year the convention welcomes author, photographer, and painter **Jim Lane** as guest of honor. Plus a whole weekend of furry friends and furry activities in the land that Elvis called home. They even feature "Instant Viewer Request" voting in the Video Room.

For the sixth year in a row, MFM 2007 will take place at the Holiday Inn Select Memphis Airport (2240 Democrat Road Memphis TN 38132-1807). The special Mephit Fur Meet rate is \$99.00 per night for 1-4 people in the room. Rooms are available with one king size bed or 2 double beds and your choice of either smoking or nonsmoking. The layout of the hotel is perfect for MFM with the main level being on the 3rd floor of the hotel allowing everyone to be either on the main level or not more than 2 floors up or down. So it makes getting to panels, socializing in the Garden Court (a huge atrium area of the hotel) or fursuiting a breeze. As just mentioned, we will have the Garden Court for the full weekend. So we will have lots of tables out there for gaming, sketching or just talking. Keeping MFM, the pizza party that went wrong, the fun and friendly meet if has grown to be. Hotel reservations can be made online (at the MFM web site, [www.mephitfurmeet.org](http://www.mephitfurmeet.org)), or called into Uniglobe Professional Travel at 800-653-6524.

Attending memberships to MFM are \$35.00 - but only until August 1<sup>st</sup>! After that, membership goes up to \$40.00 at the door. Supporting, Sponsorship, and Day Pass memberships are also available, and more information about them can be found at the MFM website.

## Eurofurence

The Unlucky Thirteen! Eurofurence spins that into their theme for 2007: The Furry Casino! Place your bets!

For the first time, Eurofurence will be held at a hotel instead of a hostel. September 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> at the Ringberg Hotel, in Thuringen, Germany to be exact. The Guests of Honor will be the costume designer and fursuiter **Lance Ikegawa**, and the artist and writer **Steve Gallacci**.

Our new con location is located on top of a small 750m high mountain called "Ringberg", located near the small town of Suhl in Germany. The hotel lies in the middle of a vast forest landscape, consisting mainly of fir and spruce trees. On a clear day, the surrounding mountain ranges of the Thuringian Forest make for one of the most beautiful views Germany has to offer.

For more information about Registration (which includes your hotel stay), visit the Eurofurence web site at [www.eurofurence.org/EF13](http://www.eurofurence.org/EF13).

## Western PA Fall Furry Weekend

October 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007

The Western Pennsylvania Fall Furry Weekend is an anthropomorphics (or "furry") gathering located in the Pittsburgh Metropolitan area. This event is organized and coordinated by local furies and is now celebrating its eighth year. We have events and activities planned for all three days, including the Friday Furry Social, the Fall Fur-b-que on Saturday, and Furry Breakfast at Panera Bread plus an outing to the Pittsburgh Zoo followed by dinner at Cici's Pizza Buffet on Sunday. This year's featured artist is the talented **Brendan Roo!** He is a native of the Philadelphia area, and has been creating artwork in the furry fandom for many years. He has provided the graphics you see on the web site and the cover art for this year's program guide.

Once again the event hotel is the Comfort Inn Pittsburgh North, 2801 Freepoint Road, Pittsburgh PA 15238. Western PA Fall Furry Weekend has secured a flat rate of \$74.99/night, plus taxes, for up to five guests. To reserve a room, call the Comfort Inn directly at (412) 828-9400. When you call you must tell the agent at the desk that you are with the Western PA Furry Weekend to get this room rate.

Pre-Registration rates are available until September 7<sup>th</sup> at \$20.00 for regular memberships and \$35.00 for Supporter Memberships (which includes extra goodies). At-the-Door Registrations will be \$25.00. Make checks or money orders payable to **Patrick Glen Rockhill** and mail them to: Mr. Patrick Glen Rockhill, 100 West 8th Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15215.

Once again the Fall Furry Weekend Charity will be "Animal Friends," Pittsburgh's only no-kill animal shelter. The FFW staff will be conducting a Chinese auction at the Fall Fur-b-que to help raise money to donate towards a new, modern facility to educate pet owners, rehabilitate sick and injured animals, and to accommodate animals awaiting adoption.

Visit [www.wpaawf.org](http://www.wpaawf.org) for all the details.



## FurFright

FurFright is an Anthropomorphic Halloween Convention taking place October 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007 at the Connecticut Grand Hotel outside Waterbury, Connecticut. FurFright is a 3-day con with a full schedule of programming Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Discounted room rates are good Wednesday (Oct 18th) thru Tuesday (Oct 24th), so arrive a bit early and stay late so you don't miss a moment of the con!

This year FurFright is very proud to welcome one of the finest artists in or out of the fandom as our Guest of Honor: **Sara "Caribou" Palmer**. She'll be hosting panels/Q&A sessions, and selling her work in our Dealers' Dungeon, so stop by and make her feel welcomed!

The Connecticut Grand Hotel (3580 East Main Street, Waterbury, CT 06705) is located east of Waterbury, just off I-84. Numerous restaurants are within a short driving distance, and about a half-hour away is the world's most incredible diner (off Exit 10 on I-84). The phone number for the hotel is 800-446-1449 (toll free). Their web site is [www.ctgrandhotel.com](http://www.ctgrandhotel.com). The room rate is \$99.00 per night for single/double occupancy, and \$10.00 per night for each additional person above two. All reservations must be made by September 18, 2007. Call the hotel directly to reserve a room. Mention that your reservation is part of a group and the group's name is "FurFright" (you will most likely need to spell it for them) to get our discounted room rate. DO NOT RESERVE YOUR ROOM ONLINE or you will be unable to get our special rate.

FurFright attendees can register on-line or by mail at the Monster (\$30.00), Zombie (\$50.00 or more), or FrankenSponsor levels (\$90.00 or more) until September 23, 2006. Visit their web site at [www.furfright.org](http://www.furfright.org) to register on-line, or write to them at FurFright 2005, P.O. Box 264, Durham CT 06422-0264.

## Oklacon 2007

In honor of Oklacon V, our members have chosen the theme of "V for Vermin". This year's Special Guests include the artists known as **Blotch** and **Ebonytigriss**.

The convention will be held October 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Roman Nose State Park near Watonga, Oklahoma. Several types of accommodation are found there, but check the web site for what's available where and when. Memberships are available for \$29.00 until October 1<sup>st</sup>, and go up at the door (Patron and Sponsor memberships are available too!). From the web site: "Taking place each year the weekend before Halloween, Oklacon brings together furrries from all over the mid-western and southern United States in one of the most beautiful outdoor settings in the country. Hailed by many as the most affordable furry convention in the world, Oklacon brings us all together for a fantastic weekend of art, costumes, and friendship around the orange glow of the campfire. If you've never attended a furry convention before, or if you're one of our regular family members, we look forward to seeing you this year! Our cabins are going like hotcakes! If you're interested in reserving a cabin, please do so soon, as we only have four left. Of course, we also have a variety of other accommodation options should the cabins fill up!"

Check out [www.oklacon.com](http://www.oklacon.com) for more information about cabins, accommodations, directions, and other con details.

## Midwest FurFest

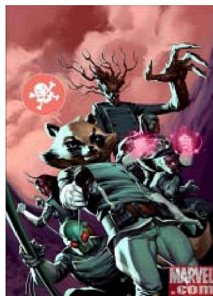
Ahoi! This year's theme is *Critters on the High Seas*, and in addition to the usual fun, we'll be paying tribute to the spirit of adventure that for time immemorial has led anthropomorphic foxes, marmosets, and dugongs to leave dry land behind and seek their fortune under billowing sails on the wide ocean. It takes place November 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007, once again at The Hyatt Regency Woodfield (1800 East Golf Road, Schaumburg, Illinois 60173, about 30 miles outside of Chicago. The telephone number is (847) 605-1234. Rooms are available for \$92.00 per night - but Saturday night is already sold out! Check the convention web site for information regarding overflow hotels.

The FurFest Guests of Honor this year include the artist and illustrator known as **JillOr**, the author known as **Will Sanborn**, and the artist known as **Cara Mitten**.

Pre-Registration is: **\$30.00** for Regular Membership until September 30, 2005, **\$40.00** for Regular Membership after September 30, 2005, and at the door, **\$120.00** for Sponsorship, which includes meal with Guests of Honor and T-shirt, plus more!

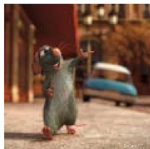
Please make checks payable to "Midwest FurFest". Mail Registration with payment to: **Midwest Furry Fandom, P.O. Box 508, Mount Prospect, IL 60056**. Or, check out their web site at [www.furfest.org](http://www.furfest.org) for information on guests, events, activities, and more!

Well, that's all for now - whew! Here's hoping we'll get to see you again, soon. But it's up to you! Keep up your subscription to *In-Fur-Nation* and keep up with the world of Furry Fandom! And don't forget to check out our web site at [www.infurnation.com](http://www.infurnation.com). See you! [Rod O'Riley, your ed-otter]



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